



YEAR 4 – SPRING 2026

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We hope you all enjoyed a very Happy Christmas and we would like to wish you a Happy New Year! The children have settled back into the new term and we look forward to a fantastic year in Year 4. Everyone in Year 4 worked extremely hard during the Autumn term and all the children have made good progress, and it is really important that we maintain this over the next term. Here is an overview of what we will be learning at school during the Spring Term:



RE

Revelation

Explore the story of the presentation.

Transfiguration

Jesus – Light of the World

Lent

Why do we need Lent?

How did Jesus take time to make space in his life?

Explore prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

How can we tell others about the opportunities provided by Lent?

Other Faiths – Sikhism

Explore the duties of Sikhs and celebrations in the Sikh religion.

English

Our English work this term will be based on work on our 'talk for writing'

Text: Kassim and the Greedy Dragon

Learning about warning stories

Retelling the story

Creating their own warning story

Reading will be a top priority throughout the term. We will read every day in class both independently and read our class book



Maths

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Area
- Length and Perimeter
- Decimals A
- Position and Direction

Weekly times tables practice and testing.



Science: Digestion, States of Matter, Sound

PE: Netball, Forest School

Geography: Rivers.

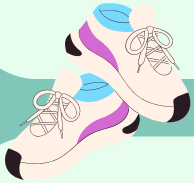
RSHE: What am I looking at? I am Thankful. Danger, Risk or Hazard?

DT: Structures – Pavillions.

Computing: Online Safety, Times tables practice.

PE

This will normally take place on Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that P.E kit is in school every day, as it may be required for additional games activities and that all kit is named. A change of socks, a plastic bag for wet trainers are important to have as well.



Reading

Reading is so important and it is vital that the children read or are read to every day. My expectation is that the children read for at least 20 minutes each day at home. Children need to record their reading in their diary and parents are to sign it at the end of each week. Reading diaries are collected in every Monday.



Home Learning

It is important that pupils have a quiet space in which to do their home learning and that they are organised, a fantastic life skill to practice early on!

In addition, as stated below, Times Tables are key learning in Year 4. Your child has a log in to <https://trockstars.com/> to practice their times tables, for a minimum of 30 minutes per week. We regularly test the children on times tables during the week, as part of our morning routine. The children who complete their homework every week each half term will receive a treat in the final week of half term.

Home learning is set on a Friday and expected to be handed in on the following Thursday. If your child has homework on paper, they need to bring their homework book in by Wednesday each week, so it can be marked in good time.

Children will be rewarded for completing their home learning on time



Snacks

At morning break (10:15am) children may have a piece of fruit to eat. This should be fresh fruit or at least dried fruit. Please remember that St. Joseph's is a nut-free school, so please ensure any food brought in adheres to this requirement. If support is needed with regards to the provision of fruit at this break, then please make us and/or the school office aware and we will do our best to assist.



Water

To ensure maximum concentration and comfort, pupils should have access to water throughout the day. For the purposes of hygiene, it is advisable that your child brings in a bottle of water with their name clearly labelled on it. Please do not allow your child to bring in juice of any kind.



Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school every day and only off if they are really unwell. Children need to be punctual to school as we start learning as soon as the children arrive at **8.45am**. Any child arriving after 9.00am has already missed 15 minutes learning and often feel anxious as everyone else is already in class and has started their learning for the day.



Multiplication Check

Throughout this academic year, there will be a heavy focus on the learning of times tables with the culmination of this being in mid-June 2026 when the children will be carrying out an online statutory (as directed by the Government) end of Year 4 assessment called the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The children will be expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12 by early June 2026.

The class will be having weekly times tables tests in class, as well as online testing, so that they become confident in their knowledge and speed of recall, but in addition, they become familiar and grow in confidence with the platform that the Multiplication Tables check. We shall devise incentives to motivate the children and also support those who need additional help.

If you have any concerns and/or wish to pass on good news, please do not hesitate to let us know. We'd be happy to help. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



Uniform

Please ensure that your child is dressed smartly and always has the correct uniform on. School shoes are to be worn and not trainers. Long hair needs to be tied back. No jewellery is to be worn. If you have any questions, please ask.



"I long to make Your life a glorious adventure, but you must stop clinging to old ways. I am always doing something new with my beloved ones. Be on the lookout for all that I have prepared for you."

As always, please contact me if you have any concerns or queries about your child. I look forward to seeing you all at parents' evening in March.

Yours sincerely
Mr Cook